



Eric Vincent McKelvie
“Porridge”

23rd June 1946 - 17th November 2024

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Marrar NSW
Tuesday, 26th November 2024
Fr. Blaise Kurek

Opening Hymn

“Come As You Are”

Come as you are, that’s how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don’t run away, shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I’d love you the less?

Don’t run away, shamed and disheartened
Come as you are, Why Stand alone?

Come as you are, that’s how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

Greeting

Fr Blaise: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
All: Amen.

Fr Blaise: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And with your spirit.

Eulogy

Valerie McKelvie and Cheree Moses

Opening Prayer

Fr Blaise

First Reading

A Letter to St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8. Read by John Francis

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 102

Read by Rev Jocelyn Heazelwood

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our faults.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him; For he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

As for a man, his days are like grass; he flowers like the flower of the field; The wind blows and he is gone and his place never sees him again.

Response: The Lord is kind and Merciful.

But the love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear; His justice reaches out to children's children when they keep his covenant in truth.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord:

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you since

The foundation of the world.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!





Gospel

Fr Blaise: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Blaise: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14:37-40

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return and take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of The Faithful

Fr Blaise: God our Father raised Jesus from the dead and he will give life to our mortal bodies. We pray to him in faith.

Jenny McKelvie: We pray for the Church that it may be a community of brothers and sisters who help one another to grow in faith, love and hope. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Jenny McKelvie: We pray for Porridge. God, we ask you to take him gently into your care and grant him eternal life. Reward him with peace and joy for all the kindness that he extended to others throughout his life. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Jenny McKelvie: We remember those who have died and were close to us. Especially Porridge's parents and his siblings Noreen, Noel, and George. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Jenny McKelvie: We pray for Porridge's family and friends that they will continue with love and compassion that was extended to Porridge during his years. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Prayer of Commendation

Song of Farewell

Response: Receive his soul and present him to God the most high.

Fr Blaise: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! Response:

Fr Blaise: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself, may angels lead you to Abraham's side. Response:

Fr Blaise: Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Response:

Recessional Song

"Abide With Me by" Judith Durham

Pallbearers

*Greg McKelvie, Gary Langtry, Paul McKelvie
Steve Reardon, David Chamberlain, Scott Carson*



Shirley and Porridge's family would like to thank you all for your kindness and expressions of sympathy during this very sad time.

Following the service, please join the family at
The Marrar Hotel, for light refreshments and the sharing
of memories you have of Porridge.